

Amendments To The Specification

Please amend the text at page 3, line 14 through page 4, line 17, as follows:

The present invention meets the need in the art by providing a voting apparatus that displays information about the candidates for offices in elective races and for selective voting by a voter to elect one of said candidates in which a central processor operates to display a sequential series of ballot screens. Each ballot screen corresponds to one elective race and includes a candidate information block having a text name and a graphic image associated with each of at least one candidate for election by voters in the elective race. A touch-sensitive video display monitor communicates to the central processor a signal representative of a selected location of a touch by a voter, which touch is made at the display of the candidate information block for whom the voter intends to vote. The central processor detects which of the at least one candidate information blocks was selected by the voter. A communicator transfers the vote to a tabulator for summing the votes for the selected candidate. A validator responsive to the voting by the voter endorses a voter validation receipt bearing a voter validation number with a validation indicia, whereby the authenticity of the voter validation receipt can be established at a later time if necessary to correct a vote tabulation error. An accessor responsive to the voter validation number for selectively verifying the vote with an election result of the tabulator.

In another aspect, the present invention provides a method of voting for candidates for office in at least one elective race by a voter, comprising the steps of:

- (a) displaying a sequential series of ballot screens, each ballot screen corresponding to one

elective race and including a candidate information block associated with each of at least one candidate for election by voters in the elective race; [and]

(b) the voter touching a touch-sensitive video display monitor to communicate a signal representative of a selected location of a touch by a voter to a central processor, which touch is made at the display of the candidate information block for whom the voter intends to vote, whereby the central processor detects which of the at least one candidate information blocks was selected by the [voter.] voter;

(c) validating a voter validation receipt containing a voter validation number associated with the voting by the voter, whereby the authenticity of the voter validation receipt can be established at a later time if necessary to correct a vote tabulation error; and

(d) selectively verifying through an accessor responsive to the voter validation number the vote of the voter with an election result tabulated by a vote tabulation center.